

that taking into view, in connexion with its tenor and objects, the manner in which it has been brought forward, and pressed upon the consideration of Congress, it amounts to nothing less than a proposal to sacrifice, and that in a precipitate manner, inconsistent with our ideas of national honor and dignity, the rights and property of twenty three of the States to the menaces of one.

5. *Resolved*, That while we cannot for a moment anticipate the possibility of the passage into a law of a bill of this description, in a Congress which, within a few months has, by a large majority, pledged itself to the policy which it is now proposed to abolish, we yet deem it our duty formally to protest against the adoption of the measure proposed, as subversive of the best interests of the country, derogatory to the national honour, and involving a gross and palpable abuse of power in the government.

6. *Resolved*, That, whilst the people of this Commonwealth, in the spirit of patriotism and of fraternal conciliation, are ready, at all times, to submit to such reasonable changes of national policy, as the deliberate judgment of the whole country shall require for the common good, they are not bound silently to acquiesce in destructive revolutions in principles, and policy, effected by threats of violence through the forms, but in contempt of the spirit and power of the Constitution.

7. *Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use all the means in their power to prevent the bill reported by the Committee of Ways and Means from passing into a law.

8. *Resolved*, That His Excellency, the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these Resolves, with the Report preceding them, to each of the Senators and Representatives of the Commonwealth in Congress, and to the Governors of all the States.

IN SENATE, January 18, 1833.

Read twice, and passed.

Sent down for concurrence,

B. T. PICKMAN, President.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 22, 1833.

Read twice, and passed in concurrence,

W. B. CALHOUN, Speaker.

January 23, 1833—Approved,

LEVI LINCOLN.

A Copy.—Attest,

EDWARD D. BANGS, *Secretary of the Commonwealth*.